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SUBJECT: GUARDIAN ARTICLE ON KING KHALID'S HEALTH

1. STORY IN GUARDIAN OF FEBRUARY 19, BY REPORTER WHO HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN SNOOPING AROUND THE WELLINGTON HOSPITAL IN LONDON WHERE KING KHALID HAS BEEN ADMITTED, QUOTES UNFFICIAL "HOSPITAL SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT "AN OPERATION TO REPLACE THE KING'S LEFT HIP JOINT HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF INFECTION IN THE BONE". THE INFECTION WAS DISCOVERED BY THE SURGEON" AS HE BEGAN TREATMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE INFECTION IS NOW BEING TREATED WITH ANTI-BIOTICS IN THE HOPE THAT THE OPERATION WILL BE POSSIBLE IN ANOTHER TWO OR THREE WEEKS, BUT THE SOURCES SAY THE KING'S CONDITION IS SUCH THAT THERE IS NO FIRM DATE FOR A HEART OPERATION DUE TO BE CARRIED OUT."

2. GUARDIAN REPORTER COMMENTS THAT "KING IS GUARDED BY MORE THAN A SCORE OF SAUDI BODYGUARDS REINFORCED BY BRITISH POLICE GUARDS. THE HOSPITAL'S ENTIRE FIFTH FLOOR HAS BEEN BARRICADED OFF". REPORTER CONTINUES THAT NURSES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REFUSE TIPS.

3. COMMENT: GUARDIAN EVIDENTLY RESORTED TO CONVERSATIONS
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RESPONSIBLE COMMENT ON THIS ARTICLE TOMORROW.ARMSTRONG

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